

Testimony 2/22/2023 H.B. 5653, Nicole Vacila East Windsor, CT

I am writing to **OPPOSE** H.B. 5653. AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS.

-Adding a tax in this economic climate is merely punishing the middle/lower classes of law-abiding citizens, hindering the ability to own and train properly

-This tax punishes law-abiding citizens for the actions of criminals. Vehicle registration doesn't increase every time there is a car accident. That would be absurd....as uncalled for as this tax.

-This law would ease gun ownership closer and closer to a sin tax....making a right undesirable and highly taxable. Punishing the law-abiding citizens.

-Firearms and ammunition are already subject to an additional 11% tax on top of the CT sales tax, already punishing law-abiding citizens.

There are many different ways to fund gun violence prevention without punishing the good guy.

In closing, the only thing this bill does is punish law-abiding citizens and every single legislator should be voting this down.

Thank you for your time.

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